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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Sep-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | CURRENT WEEK 09/21/02 | PREVIOUS WEEK 09/14/02 |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| BRO-FRY | 162,990 | 139,282 |
| LT HENS | 2,015 | 1,768 |
| HVY HENS | 1,730 | 1,731 |

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| HEAD | 410 | 13 | 423 |
| LAST WEEK | 257 | 8 | 265 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 234 | 0 | 234 |
| TO DATE 2002 | 11,434 | 244 | 11,678 |
| TO DATE 2001 | 16,298 | 240 | 16,538 |

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------|
| HEAD | 2,032 | 1,685 | 3,717 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,413 | 1,092 | 2,505 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 2,081 | 1,523 | 3,604 |
| TO DATE 2002 | 76,102 | 51,478 | 127,580 |
| TO DATE 2001 | 81,634 | 51,279 | 132,913 |

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 14-SEP-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| HEAD | 159,008 (A) | 1,622 | 1,672 | 3,294 |
| AVG WT | 5.18 | 3.45 | 8.02 | 5.77 |
| LAST WEEK | 140,001 | 1,156 | 1,084 | 2,240 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 159,987 | 1,847 | 1,523 | 3,370 |
| AVG WT | 4.97 | 3.38 | 8.08 | 5.50 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 5,739,877 | 64,668 | 51,234 | 115,902 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 5,681,103 | 65,336 | 51,039 | 116,375 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.9 million head or 2.3 million head more than or 101% percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING September 07, 2002**

| | (A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN | (B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS | (C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | |
| HEAD | 15,046 | 13,022 | 23,142 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.47 | 4.73 | 6.19 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 29% | 25% | 45% |
| COMPARISONS | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 19,467 | 14,108 | 26,570 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 4.00 | 4.86 | 5.89 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 32% | 23% | 44% |
| SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2 | 28,323 | 16,570 | 31,408 |
| AVG WEIGHT | 3.82 | 4.69 | 6.10 |
| % OF TOTAL /1 | 37% | 22% | 41% |
| TO DATE/2002 | 953,019 | 809,442 | 1,503,851 |
| TO DATE/2001 | 1,160,282 | 980,763 | 1,551,861 |

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-02
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

| | YOUNG (B) HENS | TOMS | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD BREEDERS | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| HEAD | 1,946 | 2,888 | 88 | 17 | 4,939 |
| AVG WT | 15.32 | 34.24 | 23.86 | 28.84 | 26.58 |
| HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS | | | | | |
| LAST WEEK | 1,714 | 2,541 | 73 | 5 | 4,333 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,152 | 2,927 | 95 | 6 | 5,180 |
| AVG WT | 15.48 | 33.42 | 24.77 | 22.24 | 26.04 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 68,063 | 100,322 | 1,910 | 293 | 170,588 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 74,115 | 100,477 | 1,583 | 423 | 176,598 |

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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